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An explanation is herewith provided of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in §1.56 most knowledgeable about the content of the information listed that is not in the English language.

1. EP 0360235A2 (Wagner)

The International Search Report cited Wagner as a document within the category of documents defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance to the patent application.

2. EP 0081695A1 (Schuchen)

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3. EP 0027409 (Societe Des Etablissements)

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4. EP 0343518 (Klockner)

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5. 61018531 (Patent Abstract of Japan)

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